



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Shigehiro KUGE : Confirmation Number: 6122
 Application No.: 09/846,276 : Group Art Unit: 3629
 Filed: May 02, 2001 : Examiner: Janice A. Mooneyham
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 For: FACILITY ADMINISTRATION APPARATUS AND METHOD

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on May 2, 2001. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before August 31, 2001 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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